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1. The headquarters of the Lastovo garrison, estimated at approximately 5,000 men, is located in the city of Lastovo. The headquarters is commanded by a colonel and the staff consists of a colonel, three majors, and several company-grade officers. A small number of troops is located in Lastovo while the greater majority of soldiers is stationed in Sveti Petar, on the opposite side of the island. Some of the troops in Sveti Petar are quartered in five one-story barracks, constructed of good material, while other troops live in tents in various parts of the island. It is not known to which branch of the service this garrison belongs, nor of which units it is composed.
2. In the immediate vicinity of the barracks at Sveti Petar there are two warehouses, each 20 meters long and 10 meters wide. On a hill south of the city of Lastovo there is an unspecified number of concrete pillboxes, from which firing practise at targets out at sea is conducted. The caliber of the guns is not known. On the same hill are located concrete shelters for the population of the city. Similar fortifications are located along the entire southeastern shore. A considerable amount of fortification construction work is being done on the southwestern shore of the island.
3. At the end of 1949, a new observation station was opened in the northwestern part of the island, on an elevation called Sito. The station, which was constructed on the site of a large concrete bunker, is manned by 20 sailors and is equipped with a W/T station. The hill slopes abruptly down to the sea. The shore beneath the hill is set with barbed wire and the hill itself is camouflaged. Along the barbed there are several guard posts manned by KNOJ sentries, who guard the whole area. Entrance to the area from the shore is forbidden and fishermen at sea are not allowed to approach closer than 300 meters.

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